

Children's Programs

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Historical Summary

OPERATING BUDGET	FY 2006 Total App	FY 2006 Actual	FY 2007 Approp	FY 2008 Request	FY 2008 Gov Rec
BY FUND CATEGORY					
General	15,710,000	15,710,000	16,925,000	27,045,000	17,495,000
Dedicated	4,700,000	4,700,000	5,500,000	7,000,000	7,000,000
Federal	103,545,600	103,545,600	109,821,100	134,923,100	134,923,100
Total:	123,955,600	123,955,600	132,246,100	168,968,100	159,418,100
Percent Change:		0.0%	6.7%	27.8%	20.5%
BY OBJECT OF EXPENDITURE					
Lump Sum	123,955,600	123,955,600	132,246,100	168,968,100	159,418,100

Division Description

The Division of Children's Programs includes programs that provide direct educational or material benefits to children, where funding does not primarily go to paying certificated teachers and administrators. It also includes programs that primarily and specifically provide funding for the separate instruction of identified subgroups of children outside the normal classroom of an Idaho public school. Funding is provided from both state and federal funds.

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Comparative Summary

Decision Unit	Agency Request			Governor's Rec		
	FTP	General	Total	FTP	General	Total
FY 2007 Original Appropriation	0.00	16,925,000	132,246,100	0.00	16,925,000	132,246,100
FY 2008 Base	0.00	16,925,000	132,246,100	0.00	16,925,000	132,246,100
Nondiscretionary Adjustments	0.00	570,000	25,672,000	0.00	570,000	25,672,000
FY 2008 Program Maintenance	0.00	17,495,000	157,918,100	0.00	17,495,000	157,918,100
1. ISAT Remediation	0.00	6,000,000	6,000,000	0.00	0	0
2. Dual Credit Allowance	0.00	2,500,000	2,500,000	0.00	0	0
3. Math Initiative	0.00	350,000	350,000	0.00	0	0
4. Idaho Digital Learning Academy	0.00	700,000	700,000	0.00	0	0
5. Safe & Drug-Free Schools	0.00	0	1,500,000	0.00	0	1,500,000
FY 2008 Total	0.00	27,045,000	168,968,100	0.00	17,495,000	159,418,100
Change from Original Appropriation	0.00	10,120,000	36,722,000	0.00	570,000	27,172,000
% Change from Original Appropriation		59.8%	27.8%		3.4%	20.5%

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Budget by Decision Unit	FTP	General	Dedicated	Federal	Total
FY 2007 Original Appropriation	0.00	16,925,000	5,500,000	109,821,100	132,246,100
FY 2008 Base					
Agency Request	0.00	16,925,000	5,500,000	109,821,100	132,246,100
Governor's Recommendation	0.00	16,925,000	5,500,000	109,821,100	132,246,100

Nondiscretionary Adjustments

Nondiscretionary Adjustments include \$45,000 for Marian Pritchett High School (formerly the Booth Memorial Home), \$200,000 for Border Contracts, and \$325,000 for exceptional contracts/union equivalencies. Also includes additional federal pass-through funds to local schools.

Agency Request	0.00	570,000	0	25,102,000	25,672,000
Governor's Recommendation	0.00	570,000	0	25,102,000	25,672,000

FY 2008 Program Maintenance					
Agency Request	0.00	17,495,000	5,500,000	134,923,100	157,918,100
Governor's Recommendation	0.00	17,495,000	5,500,000	134,923,100	157,918,100

1. ISAT Remediation

Currently, technology and remediation funds are tied together, causing districts to choose between paying for additional technology and paying for remediation programs for students who chronically struggle. This line item, the first of a three-year series of \$6 million requests, would specifically earmark funds for remediation, and track the results over a three year period. Doing so would provide for greater accountability on districts' efforts to help struggling students. The money would provide \$300 for each of the approximately 20,000 students who have failed to achieve ISAT proficiency for two consecutive years. The program's effectiveness would be re-evaluated in the third year, at which point it would be requested to continue, be modified, replaced, or ended.

Agency Request	0.00	6,000,000	0	0	6,000,000
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Not recommended by the Governor.

Governor's Recommendation	0.00	0	0	0	0
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2. Dual Credit Allowance

Increasingly, states are offering more opportunities for high school students to begin their college education while still enrolled at the secondary level. However, access to these "dual enrollment" or "dual credit" classes can be limited by student or parental ability to pay. This request would provide money sufficient to pay for approximately 6,000 students to take six credit hours of college-level courses per school year.

Agency Request	0.00	2,500,000	0	0	2,500,000
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Not recommended by the Governor.

Governor's Recommendation	0.00	0	0	0	0
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3. Math Initiative

The Superintendent of Public Instruction believes it is imperative that Idaho duplicate the success of the Idaho Reading Initiative by starting a Math Initiative. The Math Initiative would provide students early exposure to mathematics, and, as with the Idaho Reading Initiative, provide students, teachers and parents with measurable information as to how well the student is doing. If a student is struggling with math, early intervention would be applied. The state Department of Education would begin taking the steps to implement a math initiative this fall, with full implementation for the start of school in 2008.

Agency Request	0.00	350,000	0	0	350,000
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Not recommended by the Governor.

Governor's Recommendation	0.00	0	0	0	0
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4. Idaho Digital Learning Academy

This request would provide additional ongoing funding for the Idaho Digital Learning Academy (IDLA). This would allow IDLA to offer additional advanced placement courses and more specialized math courses that may not be available in some smaller schools in rural areas. The State Board has included this as a component of its high school reform plans, beginning in FY 2008, at a projected annual cost of \$450,000. IDLA currently receives a \$1.1 million allocation through the Division of Children's Programs.

Agency Request	0.00	700,000	0	0	700,000
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Not recommended by the Governor.

Governor's Recommendation	0.00	0	0	0	0
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Budget by Decision Unit	FTP	General	Dedicated	Federal	Total
5. Safe & Drug-Free Schools					
Federal funding to the Safe and Drug-Free Schools program has declined. This line item would provide additional ongoing dedicated funds to maintain the program at existing levels. The source of these dedicated funds is the Cigarette Tax and state Income Taxes on Lottery winnings. While the fund balance is quite healthy, as a result of the taxes paid by a major Powerball winner in 2005, this pace of expenditures is not sustainable, in the long term.					
Agency Request	0.00	0	1,500,000	0	1,500,000
Governor's Recommendation	0.00	0	1,500,000	0	1,500,000
FY 2008 Total					
Agency Request	0.00	27,045,000	7,000,000	134,923,100	168,968,100
Governor's Recommendation	0.00	17,495,000	7,000,000	134,923,100	159,418,100
Agency Request					
Change from Original App	0.00	10,120,000	1,500,000	25,102,000	36,722,000
% Change from Original App		59.8%	27.3%	22.9%	27.8%
Governor's Recommendation					
Change from Original App	0.00	570,000	1,500,000	25,102,000	27,172,000
% Change from Original App		3.4%	27.3%	22.9%	20.5%